

**Searching Leading Indicators for Employment in Germany:
Some Simple Regression Models**

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In Germany, monthly employment data, which is calculated from different data sources by the Federal Statistical Office, is not published before 70 days after the end of the reported month. To bridge this gap, I use the information provided by leading economic indicators like business expectations and approximating variables like the contributors to the unemployment insurance, estimating indicator models, which are to roughly predict the number of employed and to determine turning points in employment trends. I present four simple alternative regression models, which are tested regarding their fit, their stationarity and their stability and whose forecasts are compared.